

# Negative Cultural Resources Survey Report

Calavo Drive Drainage Improvement Project  
WA# FCDT - 00255

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County of San Diego  
Department of Public Works

April 3, 2009

## NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATA BASE INFORMATION

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Report date: April 3, 2009

Report title: Negative Cultural Resources Survey Report for the Calavo Drive  
Drainage Improvement Project

Type of study: Intensive pedestrian

Submitted to: County of San Diego  
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USGS quadrangle map: El Cajon 7.5-minute, 1967 (photorevised 1975); T16S, R1W,  
Section 27

Other locational data: south of the intersection of Louisa Drive and Calavo Drive in the  
city of La Mesa, along an unnamed drainage

Acreage: 0.45 acres

New sites: None

Updated sites: None

Keywords: Negative results, impacted, unnamed drainage

RE: Cultural Resources – Negative Findings

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Reference: Negative Cultural Resources Survey for the Calavo Drive Drainage Improvements Project (RECON Number 5119A)

Dear Ms. Bradley:

This letter report provides the methods and results used for the cultural resource survey for the Calavo Drive Drainage Improvements project.

#### **PROJECT LOCATION**

County:	San Diego
USGS 7.5' Quadrangle:	El Cajon, 1967 (photorevised 1975), T16S, R1W, Section 27
Thomas Bros. Map:	Page 1271, Grid F4
Address:	south of the intersection of Louisa Drive and Calavo Drive in the city of La Mesa, along an unnamed drainage
Assessors Parcel Nos.:	501-231-01, 501-231-02, 501-235-01
Elevation:	560 feet AMSL
Survey Type:	Intensive pedestrian
Date of Survey:	March 31, 2009
Field Crew:	Carmen Zepeda-Herman

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project is replacement and improvement of the drainage facilities within a disturbed drainage along Calavo Drive between Louisa Drive and Rancho Road in the city of La Mesa (Attachment 1: Figure 1). The proposed project is the replacement of an existing sixty-inch (60") corrugated metal pipe (CMP) type culvert. The new culvert will consist of a ten-foot by eight-foot (10'x8') box culvert approximately 95 feet long (approximately 115 feet wide with wing walls). Rip rap energy dissipaters will be placed at the inlet and outlet of the culvert. The site is shown on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) El Cajon quadrangle, Township 16 South, Range 1 West, Section 27 (Attachment 1: Figure 2). The Area of Potential Effects (APE) consists of 0.45 acre.

A cultural resources survey for the Calavo Drive Drainage Improvements project was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the County of San Diego and the California Environmental Quality Act to identify any impacts to significant cultural resources. The goal of the cultural resources survey was to locate any new cultural resources within the project area.

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RECON reviewed archival information and performed a pedestrian survey within the proposed construction limits (Attachment 1: Figure 3). Prior to the field investigation, RECON reviewed the record search from the California Historical Resources Information System, South Coastal Information Center at San Diego State University provided by the County (Attachment 2). The record search did not indicate that the project area had been investigated in the past. There are two prehistoric sites and no historic addresses within a half-mile radius. The two prehistoric sites are lithic scatters. None of these cultural resources were in or adjacent to the proposed project. The San Diego County Historic Roads and Trails 1769-1885 map indicates that a north-south wagon road was in the vicinity of the project area. The 1939 El Cajon 15-minute Quadrangle map does not identify any paved roads in the project vicinity. Residential houses and paved roads, including Calavo Drive, first appear on the 1955 El Cajon 7.5-minute Quadrangle map.

The County of San Diego Department of Public Works contacted the Native American Heritage Commission via a sacred lands search letter requesting identification of spiritually significant and/or sacred sites or traditional use areas and a list of local Native American tribes, bands, or individuals who may have concerns about the proposed project (Attachment 3). Based on the results from the NAHC, no known sacred sites were identified within the APE.

The field investigation was conducted on March 31 by County-approved archaeologist Carmen Zepeda-Herman, M.A. Due to the small acreage and ground cover, opportunistic transects were used to survey the APE. Ground visibility was poor in most areas of the APE because of landscaping vegetation. Soils consisted of tan sandy silt and sand. The area appears to have been cut and filled to level the ground off for the residential pads surrounding the unnamed drainage. Photographs were taken to document the existing conditions (Attachment 4: Photographs).

No cultural resources were noted within the APE. The entire APE appears to have been disturbed in the past by the construction of Calavo Drive, the existing CMP pipe, and the residential houses. The slopes abutting Calavo Drive have gravel mixed in their soils (Attachment 4: Photograph 1). On the east side of Calavo Drive, there is a foot bridge and stone walkway leading up from the drainage to Calavo Drive (Attachment 4: Photograph 2). Landscaping vegetation covers the slopes on both sides of Calavo Drive (see Photograph 2), and a manicured lawn covers a flat area west of Calavo Drive (Attachment 4: Photograph 3). Freshwater clams were identified in the open patches of dirt on the west side of Calavo Drive. A small amount of concrete chunks have also been dumped on the south side of the drainage west of Calavo Drive.

Existing conditions indicate the APE has been impacted in the past. The potential for buried cultural resources is considered low. The proposed project will not have a significant impact on cultural resources. No further cultural resources work is recommended for the proposed project.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on this project. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



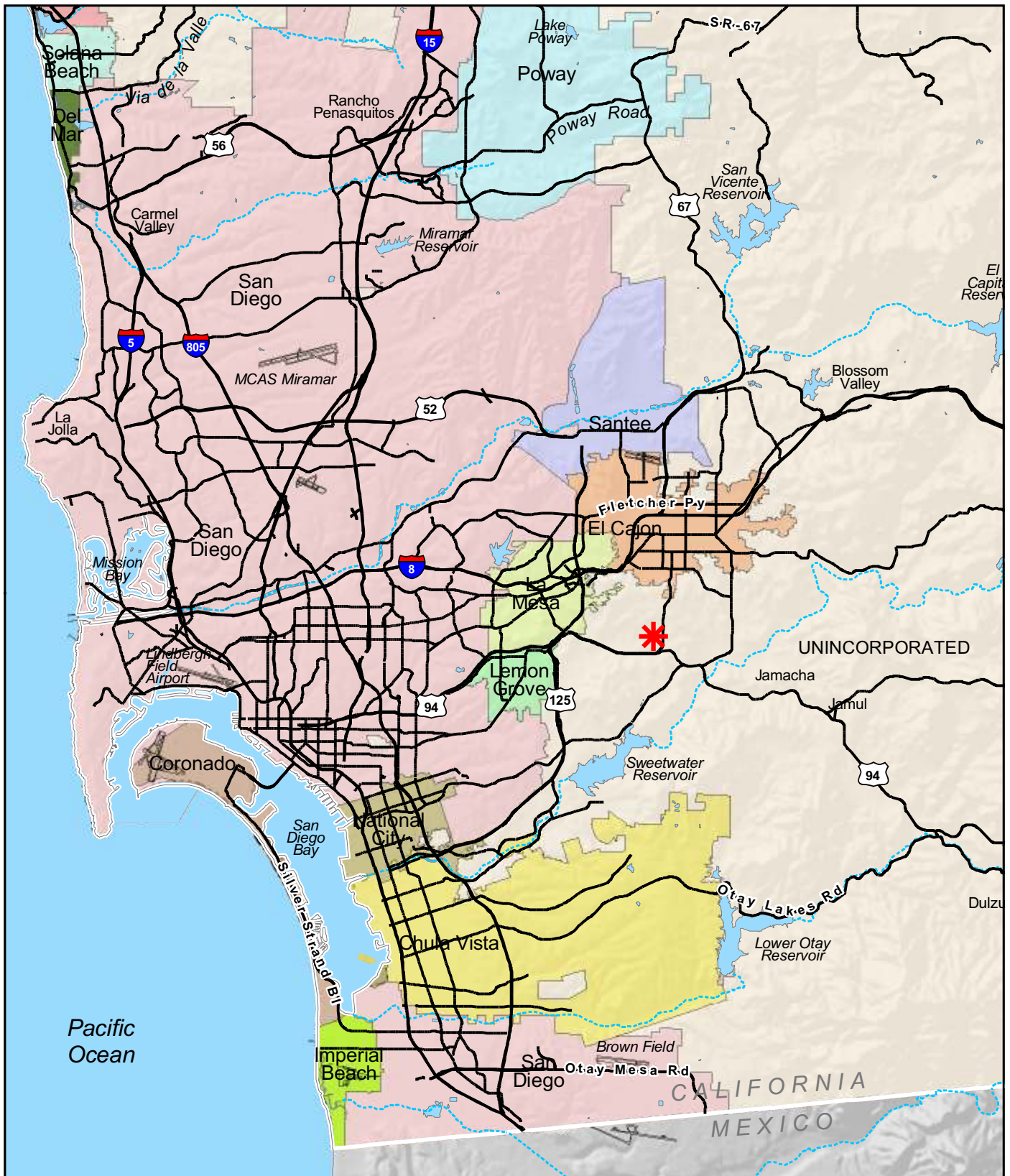
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Att/cc: Mr. David Caterino, South Coastal Information Center

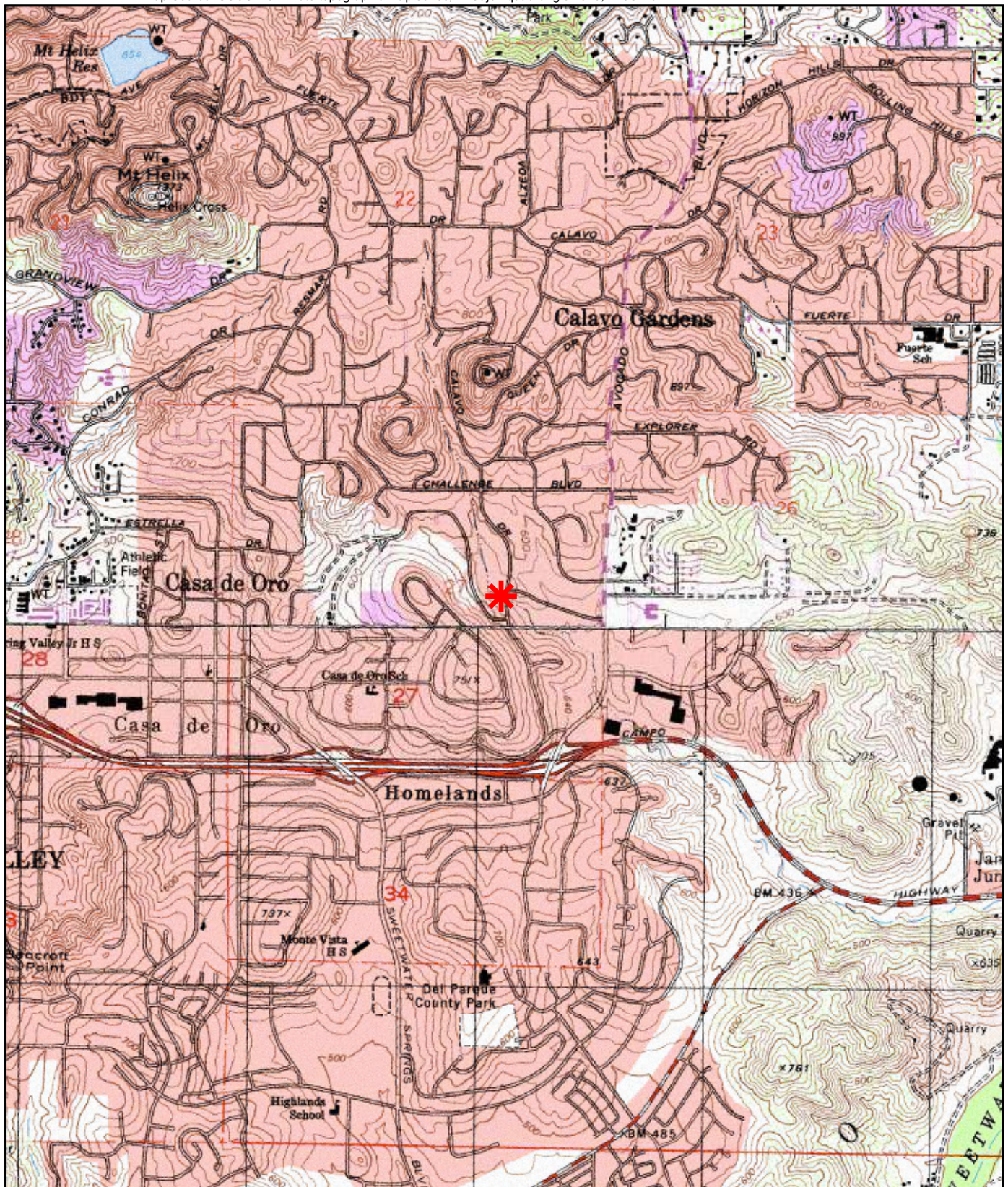
Attachments

- 1: Figures; 2: Record Search Letter; 3: Native American Heritage Commission Letter,
- 4: Photographs



 Project Location





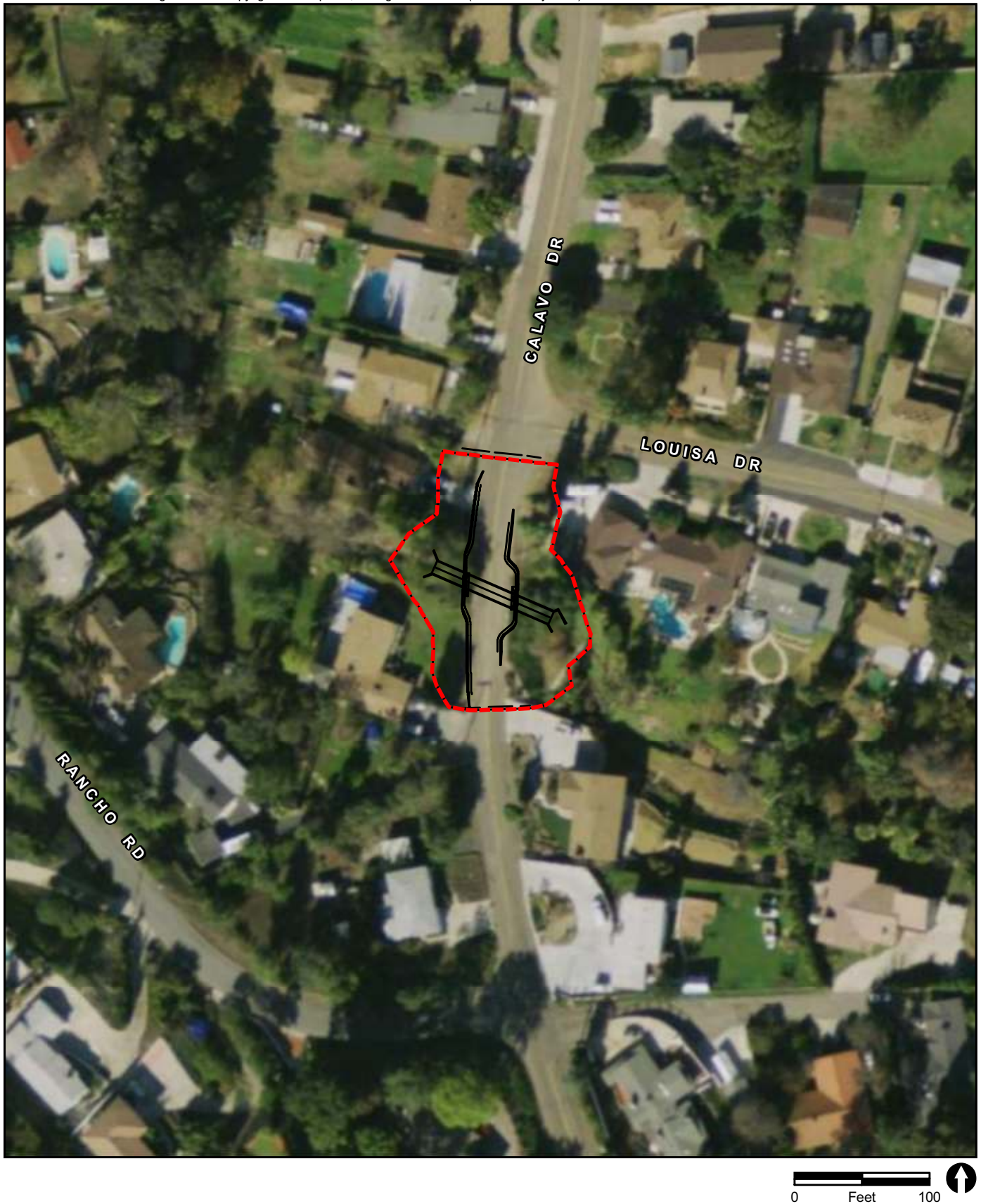
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FIGURE 2

Project Location on USGS Map





 Construction Limits

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FIGURE 3  
Aerial Photograph of Project Location



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## CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL RESOURCES INFORMATION SYSTEM RECORDS SEARCH

**Company:** County of San Diego, DPW  
**Company Representative:** Lorrie Bradley  
**Date Processed:** 2/24/2009  
**Project Identification:** Calavo Drive Drainage Improvement Project  
IA # FCDT-00255

**Search Radius:** 1/2 mile

### Historical Resources:

DSL

Trinomial and Primary site maps have been reviewed. All sites within the project boundaries and the specified radius of the project area have been plotted. Copies of the site record forms have been included for all recorded sites.

### Previous Survey Report Boundaries:

DSL

Project boundary maps have been reviewed. National Archaeological Database (NADB) citations for reports within the project boundaries and within the specified radius of the project area have been included.

### Historic Addresses:

DSL

A map and database of historic properties (formerly Geofinder) has been included.

### Historic Maps:

DSL

The historic maps on file at the South Coastal Information Center have been reviewed, and copies have been included.

### Summary of SHRC Approved CHRIS IC Records Search Elements

<b>Address-Mapped GIS Shapes:</b>	no
<b>GIS Shapes:</b>	16
<b>Searchable Pages:</b>	14
<b>Other Pages:</b>	14
<b>Aerial Photos:</b>	0
<b>Quads:</b>	2
<b>Hours:</b>	2
<b>RUSH:</b>	no



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February 25, 2009

Ms. Lorrie Bradley, Environmental Planner

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No. Pages: 2

Re: Request for a Sacred Lands File records search and Native American Contacts list for the CALAYO DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT located in the Escondido Area, San Diego County, California

Dear Ms. Bradley:

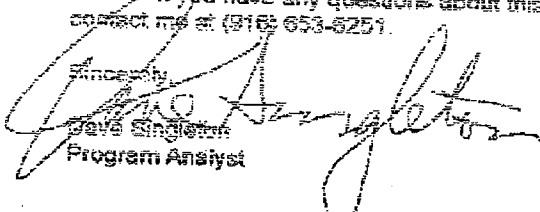
The Native American Heritage Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File (SLF) for the affected project area (APE). The SLF search failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the project area (APE or 'area of potential effect'). There are, however, Native American cultural resources in close proximity to the APE.

Early consultation with Native American tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed are the names of the nearest tribes that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. We recommend that you contact persons on the attached list of Native American contacts. A Native American tribe or individual may be the only source of information about a cultural resource. They may have specific knowledge as to whether or not the known cultural resources identified may be at-risk by the proposed project.

Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Also, Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health & Safety Code Section 7050.5 provide for provisions for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction and mandate the processes to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a project location other than a designated cemetery. Discussion of these should be included in your environmental documents, as appropriate.

If you have any questions about this response to your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 553-5251.

Sincerely,

  
Dave Singleton  
Program Analyst

Attachment: Native American Contact List

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February 25, 2009**

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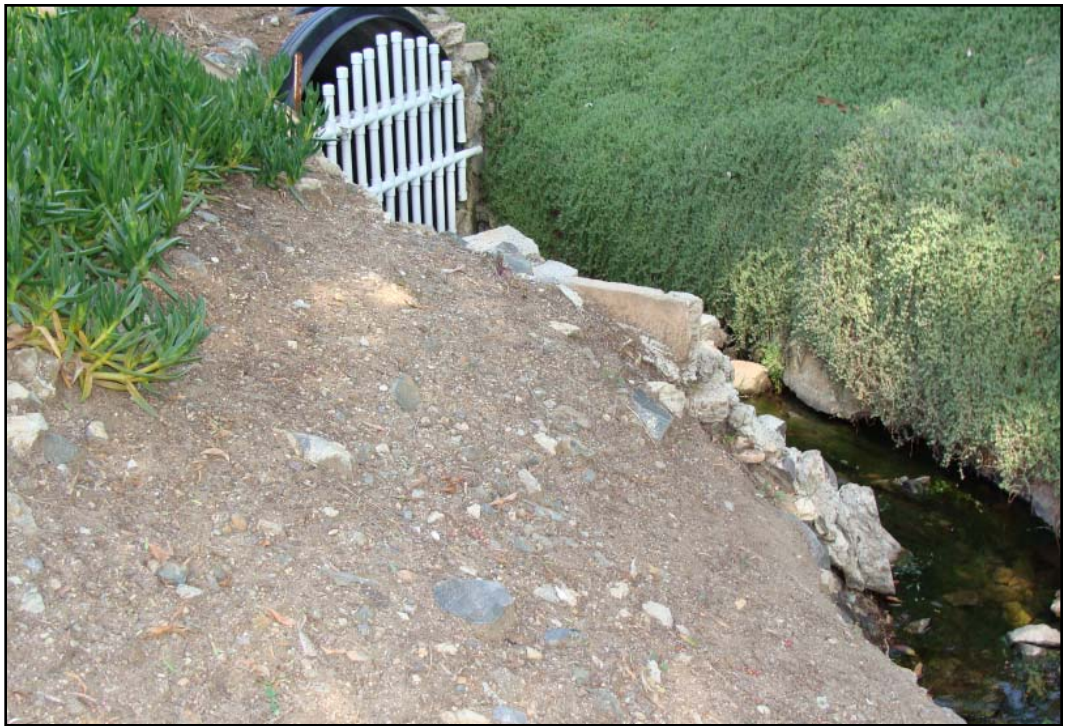
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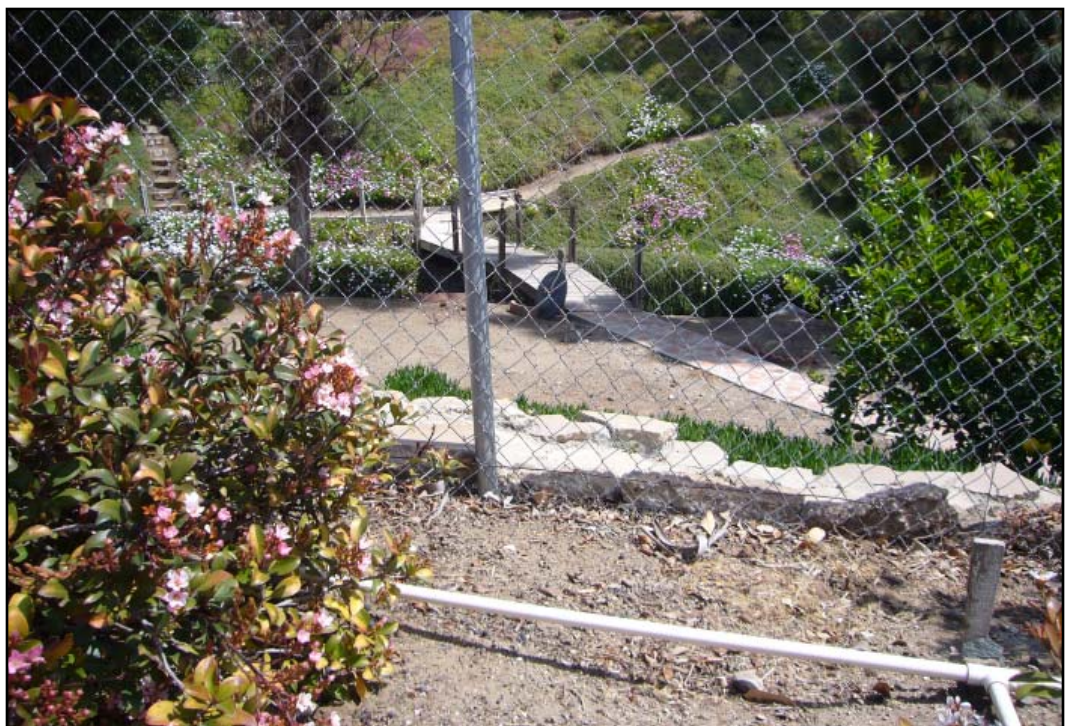
*This list is current only as of the date of this document.*

*Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7000.0 of the Public Resource Code, Section 5097.96 of the Public Resource Code and Section 5097.96 of the Public Resource Code.*

*This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed Calaveras Drive Drainage Improvement Project, lot# C0255, located in the Escondido Area of San Diego County, California for which a Sacred Lands Fieldsearch and Native American Contacts list were requested.*



PHOTOGRAPH 1  
Slope Soils Mixed with Gravel, Looking Northeast



PHOTOGRAPH 2  
Footbridge (background) and Stone Walkway (foreground),  
East of Calavo Drive





PHOTOGRAPH 3  
Manicured Lawn West of Calavo Drive, Looking North